

THE EUROPEAN WRYNECK *JYNX TORQUILLA* IN EAST AFRICA

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Mackworth-Praed & Grant (1957) record the European Wryneck in East Africa only from Uganda, presumably referring to the record in Jackson (1938) of one obtained at Falabek (= Palabek), northern Uganda, on 24 February 1913. Britton & Harper (1969) caught the first Kenya specimen on 22 February 1969 at Ng'iya, western Kenya. The species is not recorded from Tanzania (Backhurst, Britton & Mann 1973).

The second Kenya record was of a bird seen at Lake Nakuru on 12 February 1972 by D.J. Pearson; a bird caught there on 10 April 1972 may have been the same individual (*EAHNS Bulletin* 1976: 81). The third for Kenya was seen by A.D. Forbes-Watson on 11 February 1976 at Gof Redo, Marsabit (*loc.cit.*:81), while the fourth concerns a bird obtained on 19 January 1977 by Robert Kyongo at Kyanguli, Kalama, Machakos District; this, the first specimen from Kenya, is of the nominate race, and is now in the National Museum, Nairobi, Reg. No. 561/16153.

In Uganda the species is probably more common - records from the east of the country are given by Rolfe & Pearson (1973) and Mann (1976). White (1965) lists both the nominate race and a single *J. torquilla tshusii* for Uganda, although the occurrence of the latter so far south of its normal Mediterranean wintering area (Vaurie 1965, White 1965) must be exceptional.

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## NOTICES

## SUBMISSION OF RECORDS FOR ANNUAL BIRD REPORT

As mentioned in the 'Notes for Contributors', the Ornithological Sub-Committee intends to produce an annual fifth issue of *Scopus*, which will consist of the East African bird report covering the previous calendar year. The Sub-Committee is also embarking on the production of a checklist of the birds of Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. For both these projects observers' records are needed; the more you send in the better. We realize that the writing out of pages of records is a chore, so we have prepared the following guidelines: